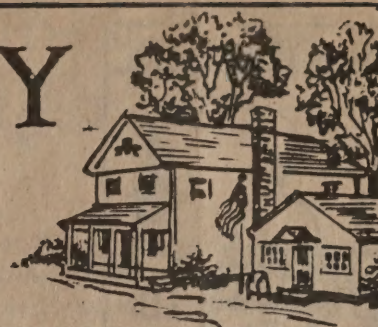


MONTEREY NEWS

MARCH 1985



BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS UPGRADED

Members of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission as well as the Inspector of Buildings met with the Board of Selectmen February 25 to discuss proposed changes in the issuance of building permits.

Under the present system, the Selectmen issue a building permit after reviewing a written application. In some instances crucial details such as other buildings on the lot or adjacent wetlands are inadvertently omitted by the applicant. Occasionally, mistakes are made in measuring distances of buildings, well or septic system from each other, from the lot sidelines or from a wetland. A permit may be issued under circumstances such as these and the work may later be found to be in violation either of Monterey zoning law or the Wetlands Act.

To prevent occurrences of this kind, those present at the February 25 meeting decided to authorize Don Amstead, Monterey's Inspector of Buildings, to inspect each site personally before a permit is issued. Corner stakes for the proposed work will be required to be in place before inspection.

In addition to Amstead's inspection, the three groups represented at the meeting agreed to upgrade the building permit application form, making it more specific and clearer. Also there will be an instruction sheet printed up to be issued with all applications.

MONTEREY TOWN REPORTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Town Reports for 1983-84 may be picked up at the Town Offices, the Monterey Library, the General Store, or Walsh's Service Station.

TURNOVER AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES ON THE STAFF

We regret to announce the untimely retirement of two of our staff, Don Clawson, our pasteup man, and Ted Tchack, our terse star reporter. We will miss them both. Timothy Freeman is standing in for Don on pasteup, but we very much need a reporter. Anybody interested? Call 528-1988.

LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION REPORT

On February 16 the Planning Committee for the Monterey Landowners' Association sent out informational letters to all landowners in town. The letter explains the purposes of the group—to regulate hunting in Monterey—and proposes the following:

1. That all Monterey landowners join the Monterey Landowners' Association.
2. That hunting or entry without written permission will be prohibited on the land of Association members.
3. That an initial fee will provide funds to pay for signs to be posted on the perimeter of each member's property, permit cards to be issued by members to hunters, and placards to be placed in hunters' vehicles.
4. That the Town of Monterey will be patrolled by authorized enforcement officers and that violation of the stated restrictions will be prosecuted.

A detachable certificate is provided so that interested parties may submit names and addresses and a membership fee of \$5.00

Returns are coming in at a good rate. The Planning Committee wishes to make clear that *all* Monterey residents are encouraged to join the Association, tenants and landowners alike. The \$5.00 fee covers individual or family membership. Joining the Association gives a resident the option of refusing to allow any hunting on his land as well as a means by which appropriate numbers of hunters may be approved and registered by name.

Information letters and application forms will be available at the Monterey General Store, Roadside Store, Walsh's Service Station, and the New Spirit Bookstore.

Committee members offer thanks to Mt. Everett High School, for Xeroxing, the New Spirit Bookstore for perpetuating the mailing list, Ann McGinley for help with mailing and Catherine and Bill Mielke for hosting meetings and mailing sessions.

ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES DEADLINE

The Monterey Arts Council wishes to remind everyone that the deadline for applications for grants is April 1. Call 528-4115 for information and application forms.

SEE TOSHIRO MIFUNE
ON PAGE 5



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield

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Immaculate Conception, Mill River

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

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LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

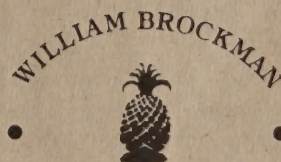
Study groups on the Christian Life are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays of Lent based on Henri J. M. Nouwen's *Out of Solitude*. The remaining sessions are as follows: "Our Life in Solitude," Tuesday, March 3, 7 a.m., at the Brallier home, and on Thursday, March 7, 7:45 p.m. at Lucy Smith's; "With Care," Tuesday, March 12, 7 a.m., at the Stowell home; Thursday, March 14, 7:45 p.m., at Lucy Smith's; "Community and Care," Tuesday, March 19, 7 a.m., at the New Spirit, Thursday, March 21, 7:45 p.m., at Lucy Smith's; "Expectation and Patience," Tuesday, March 26, 7 a.m., at the Bach home; Thursday, March 28, 7:45 p.m., at Lucy Smith's; "Expectation and Joy," Tuesday, April 2, 7 a.m., at the Brallier home; Wednesday, April 3, 7:45 p.m., at Lucy Smith's.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

For the next several months, the Parish Council is meeting twice a month, on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m. All church officers are asked to attend, and anyone in the congregation who wishes is invited. Particularly under discussion are issues relating to restructuring the way some of the functions are carried on and envisioning the tasks before us.



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CELEBRATING THE THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE

We humans are a restless lot, complaining about the way things are. Because of this we have brought about many changes. What frustrations we suffered because of the mud roads in Iowa when I was a boy. Rainy weather—sticky mud. But now this is all changed. Too many people suffered frustrations getting stuck in the mud. This was something that could be changed. The motivation for changing it was high. This is the history of change. Most such changes are for the good.

Yet many things we cannot change. The ceaseless rhythms of day and night is something I cannot change. I cannot make the seasons do my bidding. I celebrate that there are many things I have no power to change. I have discovered that the things I cannot change give an order, structure and regularity to life that I might not have sense enough to bring about otherwise.

Recently I observed that I can't turn off a storm by wishing it—or by a mammoth effort either. The storms of winter are sometimes a burden, and if I could have my way, I am sure I'd turn them into nicely regulated events that give us just the right amount of snow—and, of course, at convenient times. Yet I found myself celebrating that I can't change the storm. Ah, but I had a lot of changing to do myself because of the storm. Something of the fiber of my person is brought into play contending with the storm. Yet if I could I would find an easy way through it. If I had the power to do so, I expect I'd plan my life to be lived out in a perpetual bed of roses. And then where would I be?

I have a hunch that a lot of the "iron of the soul" comes from dealing with the things we cannot change. I one time had the dream that some rich benefactor might take pity on me and hand me the money for an education. Once I even selected the person I hoped would do this for me. Strange, he never got the same idea I had. That was something I couldn't change. Now I find myself wondering, suppose I had found the power to change that situation. I can't know for sure, but somehow I have a notion that the part of me that I had to put into devising a way to get an education may have been an important ingredient in shaping the person I was to become.

The further I go in life the more I am celebrating the things we cannot change. Some of the most important movements in our own persons come from the immovable objects we encounter on life's pathway. We complain when we find them immovable; we may even become angry that we can't budge them. But strangely enough, those things that we can't change have a subtle way of bringing about changes in our own persons. Here in the Berkshires are persons who dread to see winter come, and they hate the snow. It is possible for such a person to eat the heart out over every winter and over every new storm. Yet some have discovered that railing against winter and the snow only deepens their misery. Others recog-

nizing their inability to change the winter, changed themselves. They took up skiing. To their amazement they experienced an inner change and—would you believe it—they now celebrate the very same kind of snowfall they were cursing a few years ago. That taking up skiing can change the inner attitude toward a snowstorm is something we can all understand. Now can we take this one step further?

Sometimes the immovable object, "the thing that will not change," takes the form of another person. Sometimes that other person may be as important to your life as a husband or wife. And suppose the immovable position of the other is a source of great pain? What then? It is not easy to learn, but many a person has finally come to know that the most important changes in their lives have come at the point of meeting something that will not change in another. For some people this has been the beginning of a whole new way of approaching life. The immovableness of another person has been the source of helping some people discover that there are inner resources within themselves of which they had never dreamed. When these inner movements are brought into play and people discover there is something that releases their own resourcefulness, they are often amazed at themselves.

This article is pointing toward one thing. It is celebrating the amazing qualities that exist within the spirit of an individual person. There is a resourcefulness that lies beyond our imagining. I celebrate the things outside ourselves we cannot change. Often this alone is able to teach us what it is within ourselves we are able to change.

— Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

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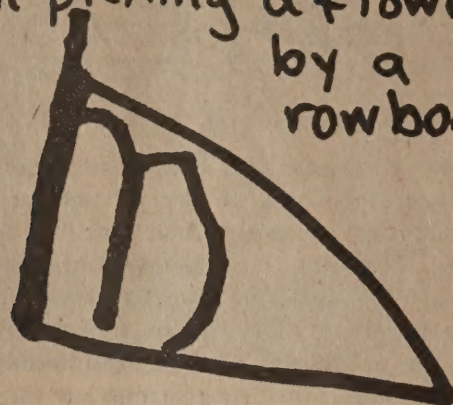
*The blanket
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where I drop it,*

*The car
goes
where it wants.*

— Steve Maye

In lieu of the
 Youth News this
 month
 we present
 Drawings from the
 Monterey Kindergarten

Morgan picking a flower
 by a
 rowboat



Morgan Clawson



Snowmen

Sarah Wilson



Joshua

Joshua Vogel

WINDS

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Brooming Booming Sweeping
Winds,

Bumping winds
Tree thumping winds

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Winds.

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wheels
over grass & dirt.

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winds gallop from.

And the night which sent them forth

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to that dark-Silent

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-Steve Maye

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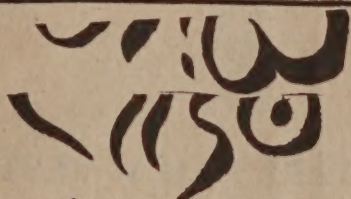


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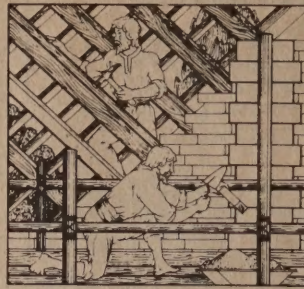
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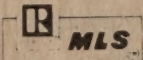


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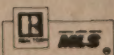
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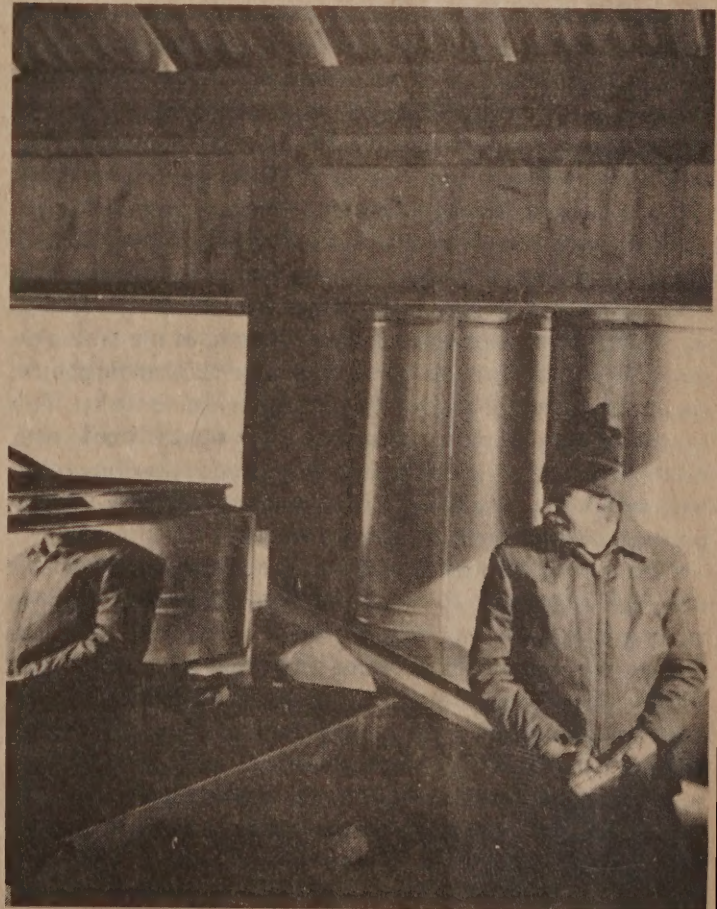
Thaw comes to the Snowwoman of Blue Hill Road.



Barney Johnson slips one back into Lake Garfield for catching next year.



Anne Makuc, Town Librarian



Roger Tryon beside the evaporator in his new maple saphouse.

Sachem, Sagamore, Chief

"Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief . . ." The old rhyme suggests that the occupation of an Indian was to be a "chief," and the term is used today as a bantering form of address to an Indian in a mixed gathering of Americans. At the time of early European contacts in the 16th and 17th centuries, Indian leaders were hailed as emperors, kings, lords and chiefs in warm personal messages from their brother sovereigns abroad seeking alliances, treaties, and, of course, exploitation. Governor Carver of Plymouth Plantation kissed the hand of Massasoit and addressed him as "king." It followed that the daughters of Indian leaders were "princesses," and many a colonial family condoned marriages with "savages" and enhanced their own social standing by insisting on the royal title. In fact, the question arose as to whether John Rolfe had the requisite pedigree to merit his marriage to Pocahontas, King Powhatan's daughter.

As with most cultural misunderstandings, the Europeans were simply applying their own terminology and meanings to what they found in the New World. One result was that kings, chiefs and sachems sold lands to which they had title only in the white man's imagination. When other Indians protested that the transaction was illegal, the term "Indian giver" came into being. After 400 years of contact, the absolute power of Indian chiefs over their subjects is still standard fare in Hollywood and on TV.

There really were kings and nobles in something like the European sense among the pyramid-building nations of the Southeast and in the complex temple states of Central and South America. And the story of how "chiefs" were created by Europeans as they invaded America is an interesting one.

The original political organization of the Aboriginal Northeast was in small bands of relatives settled in their own particular river systems. The bands were united by family tradition, linguistic, and cultural affinities into loose confederacies held together by frequent intervisitation. Leaders were chosen on the basis of ability by councils of elders or, in the case of the Iroquois, by the clan matrons who held the real political power. Some of these chosen leaders were women like the *sonqsachim*, Wetamu, of the Wampanoags. These leaders' role was to implant the will of the people; they were removed from office if they failed to do so. This procedure was much too democratic for the early colonists, used to the divine right of kings. They needed absolute rulers with whom they could make firm contacts and the European presence soon created what they needed.

Devastating epidemics of European diseases reduced the numbers of Indians to manageable proportions. European trade goods were infinitely desirable, and tribes that controlled access to them became rich and well-armed. The Mahicans of the Hudson River enjoyed such a period of prosperity during which they exacted tribute from other tribes seeking trade at Ft. Orange (Albany). The competition for fur-trapping territory created new confederacies, and the Europeans, grown powerful, intervened in support of "chiefs" they could depend upon. The process continues today with new terminology. Tribal "chairpersons" are elected, and the

Bureau of Indian Affairs tends to support those who are "reliable." The second battle of Wounded Knee in 1973 gave us the spectacle of FBI agents and Federal marshalls supporting a Sioux despot who promised Washington to keep out "leftist influences."

Nevertheless, tribal democracy has persisted to this day in most Indian communities and has prevailed among the Sioux at Pine Ridge. It was Benjamin Franklin who proposed that the Indian model of a federation of independent and equal states would be a good one for the colonies when they liberated themselves from European despotism.

— David McAllester

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met February 20, 1985, for a regular meeting. Three applications for membership were received.

There will be a fund raiser at Price Chopper on April 1.

The next meeting will be on March 6 for Booster Night and will be open to the public. Sister Isabel Curran, Information Director of the Massachusetts State Grange will be guest speaker and will present several awards. The public is welcome.

— Mary Wallace
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LOCAL LORE

BIG CHOMPERS

We first encountered Big Chompers in 1976 when we logged a red pine stand for our house logs. At that time we had no house, no bookcase, and no book on insects. We didn't know the life history or the Latin name, but we knew what we were looking at: big chomping.

The logging went slowly that spring as the weather warmed up. After a while we could no longer skid the logs with our car, and even our friend's draft horse had trouble with mud and slush. Some logs just lay where they fell until the ground dried out, but we kept on cutting and eventually we got them all trucked over near our house site for peeling and sorting. We had worked as quickly as we could, but the female sawyer beetle had been a lot quicker. As we began the long job of taking off the bark with drawknives, we found the Big Chompers already living in our house, before it was even built.

It turned out the Big Chompers were the long white larvae of northeastern sawyer beetles, *Monochamus notatus*. The structure of the larva tells all about its daily routines and its function in life: It consists of a big pair of mandibles (chompers) on a brown head, followed by nine white segments that are somewhat flattened, back to belly, and look accordion-pleated or telescoping. At this stage the creature had no legs and only tiny antennae. It eats pine and cuts a broad hole into the heartwood of the tree before turning back to finish its characteristic U-shaped tunnel.

We actually *heard* the big chompers before we saw them. They make a big noise for such soft little bodies, and the sawdust they leave is not "dust" at all but short splinters of wood. Every now and then we would straighten up from our debarking work and listen to the chompers working away on our logs. They were perfectly designed for the job and never had to stop to rest or straighten their backs; they chomped all day and chomped all night. Every day when we came back to work we found larger piles of splinters under our log stacks.

The sawyer beetle larva works its way back out toward the surface of the log and stops very near the place at which it began. Here it constructs a cocoon of bits of wood, and once the cocoon is finished, the larva becomes a pupa inside the cocoon. At this point it has already metamorphosed to a more adult form. In the case of the males, very long antennae have formed, as well as six legs, wings, and adult body parts. The antennae lie folded beside the body of the pupa, down along the sides and then folded in half and back up again. Then metamorphosis is finished, the beetle breaks loose from the pupa and eats its way out to the surface of the log, where it emerges and sits drying out for a few hours.

Adult sawyer beetles are handsome. They are members of the family of long-horned beetles, a large group with 20,000 species worldwide and about 12,000 in the United States. All

share certain family resemblances, being long and slim with very long antennae and big mandibles. Most are borers as larvae and many are brightly colored. Edward Step wrote in 1915: "The sensitive persons who ordinarily shudder at the sight [of an insect] make an exception here, for the unusual length and slenderness of the body, combined with the great length of the antennae, give the Insect a graceful air that quite dispels the common prejudice against the race." He goes on to describe one species of long-horned beetle, the Musk Beetle (*Aromia moschata*): "... to the attractions of elegance of form and brilliance of colouring is super-added a delightful fragrance, which often causes ladies to forget their regulation horror of beetles, and to wrap this species in their handkerchief or glove in order that they may retain its odour."

No one has waxed quite so complimentary of the northeastern sawyer beetle—in fact, he is considered to be of some economic importance due to the damage he and his cousins cause to many kinds of trees. Even the adults munch on pines, eating needles and bark from young twigs. After mating, the female flies to a pine tree and chews a hole in the bark with her mandibles. Then she turns around and deposits as many as six eggs in one hole. After hatching, the larvae spend four to eight weeks eating wood just under the bark before they begin burrowing into the center of the tree on the first part of their U-shaped tunnels. They may emerge during the same season in which they were deposited as eggs, or they may winter over as larvae until the next year. Some long-horned beetles delay their emergence as long as four years, and there is an account of an adult emerging from a piece of pine furniture which was known to be 15 years old, since the lumber was worked up.

As far as I know, all the Big Chompers are out of our house by now. (This is *not* true of the snout beetles, which are a smaller variety of chomper that still falls out of our walls from time to time.) But there are several serious-looking holes in our logs and especially in some of the window-trim and paneling (the holes show up more dramatically in boards—you can put your little finger right through) to remind us that we were by no means the first inhabitants of our log house. Still, we don't begrudge the sawyer beetles their brief tenancy here. Things could be much worse.

An old Indian legend from the Tahltan tribe of British Columbia tells of the days when Big Chomper and Mosquito lived together. Every day Mosquito came home happy and full of blood. Big Chomper pestered him to tell where he was getting such wonderful meals, but Mosquito was reluctant to give up his secret, so he lied and said, "I suck it from the trees." Big Chomper rushed out to the nearest tree and tore into it, looking for blood. To this day his descendants still bore holes in the tree, looking for blood. I would say we have all had quite a close call: If Mosquito had told the truth about his blood meals, the wind would be whistling through *us* now instead of through our window trim!

— Bonner McAllester

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bernsteins wrote separate letters introduced by this statement:

We both felt so strongly about the articles on lake drawdown that each of us felt impelled to write the *Monterey News* in our own way.

— Bebe and Owen Bernstein

Dear Editor:

I was left feeling sad and questioning after reading the recent article on "Lake Drawdown in Lake Garfield." I share with both writers the concern for our land, lake and creatures. Based on other data, research and findings, one could present totally different conclusions, some of which were stated in last summer's *Berkshire Eagle* article, "Berkshire Lakes Are Dying." But, I need to write about the moral damage done by the *Monterey News* article. In their desire to protect nature, the writers separated Monterey neighbors into "them" and "us." To me, Monterey means living together in peace, accepting individualities, Earth and I Love Monterey Days, caring about each other, etc., etc., etc. Yet, the article presents a point of view that seriously shakes the foundation that makes Monterey such a special place to live. How can one measure feelings about Monterey by the amount of time one spends here? I want to shout—I care, I too am a part of Monterey—but I only find myself whispering—*forgive them.*

— Bebe Bernstein
Lake Shore Lane

To the Editor:

Here it is February, 'way past Labor Day, when the other ones are not really supposed to be here, and I am sitting on my deck (not dock) admiring the perky chickadees, solid juncos, and delightful nuthatches lofting to the feeder I've built for them. I look through the snowflaked branches of the hemlocks, berry and maple trees toward Lake Garfield. I muse on the transitory delicacy of nature—cocktails and money edged out of mind by the wonder and serenity of the scene. As I sit a teeny toad hops close by and in a voice as determined as a beaver cries, "What is that terrible odor and where is it coming from?" I reply in as unpatronizing a manner as I can muster that it is the smell of eutrophication. "Eutro-what?" he implores. I answer, "It is the smell of dying and death. That happens, as the very intelligent professors from the U. of Mass. have told us when plant growth in a lake becomes so overwhelming that it takes all the oxygen from the water and asphyxiates animal life. Soon the plants are so thick that fish can barely swim, and they die."

"Then why doesn't somebody do something?" the little one asks.

"Not everyone spends time dreaming up innuendo. Some people are trying to understand mutuality and balance and are attempting to deal with it, but as a toad you should realize that one can not always see the forest for the trees."

— Owen Bernstein

Dear Editor:

I am submitting the following as a letter to your publication. I hope it may be informative for your readers.

The letters in your February issue from Bonner McAllester and Helen Shaw about Lake Garfield were very interesting and well written. However, it might be helpful to add further clarification.

I, along with many others from the Lake Buel area, have spent a number of years looking into the problems of preserving our lakes. We have consulted with the most capable experts we could find and considered all the environmental aspects anyone could think of. Some of what we have learned has a bearing on the issue raised by Ms. McAllester and Ms. Shaw.

As background we should all remember that Lake Garfield as we have known it for many years is not nature's lake. Its plant and animal life had to adapt to the conditions man created when he built the first dam to raise the level and expand the surface. So lowering the level for the winter is really restoring it temporarily to its "pristine" state.

The problems the mammals—muskrats, etc.—and other animals have are real. The wildlife people we have talked to have stressed the importance of timing in lowering a lake's level. If it is done at the right time, the animals have a chance to move to more appropriate winter homes before things freeze, just as they do in a very dry year. Those who are controlling the drawdown should be sure they understand such matters when they establish their schedules.



muskrat house after drawdown

But there is another matter I am not sure the two writers understand. Monterey does not face a simple choice between letting the lake stay in its pristine state and, on the other hand, interfering with nature by drawing it down. Nature does not leave things changeless in their pristine states. Lakes silt up, become swamps and then meadows at rates which are slow to

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start with but accelerate rapidly. Runoffs from man's habitations speed up the process. And unfortunately man managed to bring some Eurasian milfoil to this continent. Now with no natural enemies it is taking over lakes all over the East and Midwest, crowding out our native lake weeds and changing the fish and wildlife populations. Each year that it is unchecked it rapidly decreases water depth as old plants die and build up on the bottom. It is a very effective manufacturer of swamps. And with the swamps come their stagnant waters and odors and changes in the wildlife species. No more fish. No more lake. I assume everyone in Monterey, year-round or summer resident, wants to keep Lake Garfield.

Fortunately Eurasian milfoil is vulnerable to drawdown, while many native species are not. Thus the natives can survive. It may not be necessary to draw the lake down every year. Maybe one year in three will suffice, and the authorities should consider that. But drawdown, properly done, is environmentally safer and more effective than almost any other method of dealing with milfoil.

Whether we like it or not, management of lakes has become necessary if we want to keep them and enjoy them when we have surrounded them with our civilization. That is not unreasonable. We mow our yards so they will not become parts of the forest. We plant and cultivate gardens though that disrupts the natural species. We fence our pastures and introduce non-native animals and thus have an impact on the plants and animals that were the original inhabitants.

It is well for all of us to seek the optimum methods for preserving our lakes. The interest of your two correspondents is important and commendable. Unfortunately, doing nothing will not work, and opposing present measures without proposing good alternatives may lead to nothing.

Best regards,

Edward G. Menaker

To the Editor:

The questionnaire that you published several months ago asking the residents for feedback to the Planning Board's revisions on multi-family dwellings in the agricultural and business districts does not include the issues that were of major concern to all residents on Lake Garfield.

The Committee to Save Monterey was very successful in stopping the development of multi-family dwellings in the lakeshore district area, but as I wrote to a member of the Planning Board in November, unless we review and tighten our by-laws for the lakeshore district to protect this very sensitive land from intensive development, we will have accomplished nothing. Lake Garfield is enjoyed by all residents of Monterey and not limited to those of us who live around the lake. Therefore, the members of the Planning Board and all the residents should be concerned with protecting it from future eutrophication. In October I wrote a long letter for the *Monterey News*, making recommendations, some of which were embodied in the Natural Resource Inventory Land Use Plan: "... that steep slopes around the lake are extremely unsuitable for intensive developments" ... "that roads and

driveway construction will cause soil erosion and siltration on steep slopes"

Our lawyer, Mr. Smithers, whom we hired to represent us, presented the argument that lakeshore acreage cannot be counted or used to satisfy the zoning requirement in another district. Perhaps this should be clearly stated in our by-laws.

Another suggestion to prevent intensive development in the lakeshore district would be to increase the present one acre to two acre minimum for any new buildings.

I believe Dean Amidon, who is president of the Lake Garfield Association, may have some ideas about incorporating boating restrictions on the use of boats on the lake.

Finally—to all the hard-working friends on the Committee to Save Monterey—I say—congratulations on a job well done—and I urge you to respond and give your ideas to the Planning Board members.

— Jean Germain
Lake Garfield

NEWS FROM THE TREE WARDEN

Mass Electric will be in Monterey for the next six months to one year trimming trees whose branches are growing into power lines. They will also be cutting some brush growing up from the ground into the power lines. If anyone questions their work please call me immediately. New Marlborough Road has been completed, if anyone wants to observe the work done. Please call if you have any questions about their work: 528-4091 or 528-0728.

— Roger Tryon

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Christianity and Compassion

To the Editor:

Nowadays we have two public concepts of Christianity. The first is lived in regal splendor in the Oval Office and based on this President's highly respected teaching: "Every man for himself." Simultaneously it is professionally merchandised by the well-tailored Reverend Jerry Falwell, whose credo is: "Material wealth is God's way of blessing people who put Him first," as quoted in *Greed Is Not Enough* by Robert Lekachman (Panteon Books). Both the President's and the minister's teachings are absolute aberrations of Jesus's teachings.

The second concept of Christianity, based on the Biblical admonition that we are "our brother's keeper," is practiced by men and women totally dedicated to the true essence of Christian ethics. These modern-day prophets, and in some cases martyrs, since they are risking their lives daily, are living in utter simplicity. They were taught that they cannot fulfill their high spiritual aspirations in "serving God and Mammon" at the same time.

As we are generously exposed to the Reagan-Falwell doctrine, let us hear also from those who are laboring in the forefront of the most abused and what they can teach us from their tragic experiences.

From the outskirts of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sister Ana Marcia Alves told Jonathan Steele of the *British Guardian*: "Our work is religious, educational and political, because everything is political. The time for charity and patronizing the poor is over." She is one of the nuns who are helping to organize 5,000 people of the *favela* who scratch a living by grubbing scraps from a nearby rubbish heap.

Sister Ana explains that "liberation theology" is one of the winds of change that periodically sweep the world, attacking concentrations of power, wealth and privilege. They have produced the Magna Carta, American independence, the French Revolution, the overthrow of the Russian czar and the freedom for former colonies in Asia and Africa.

"Basically," says Sister Ana, "Jesus was a revolutionary whose mission was not only to give the people spiritual vision, but to liberate them from economic, political and social oppression." Similarly the Biblical scholar Edith Hamilton writes in *Witness to the Truth*, "Christ said that at the last judgment men would be judged solely on the basis of how they treated others. Not one word about their belief, ONLY how they had acted to the unfortunate . . ."

Archbishop Camara of Brazil warns that: "... the danger of communism will become imminent if we have not the courage to attack structures of slavery and if people continue to call anyone a communist who demands social justice, even if he is manifestly anticommunist."

Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.) quoted American bishops expressing similar feelings in saying: "The real authors of violent revolutions in our times are not the radicals and communists but the autocratic possessors of wealth and power who use their position to oppress their fellow men."

And Alan Geyer, director of the Ecumenical Center for

Theology and Public Policy, emphasizes the close connection between spiritual and political endeavors when he writes: "When Jesus set his face to go up to Jerusalem, he was deliberately going to the very centers of power, which could cost him his life . . . and which did."

"Thus the crucifixion can never be fully understood as a religious event until we first see it as a political event. Political action is the context in which faith must do its work if God's imperatives of justice and peace are to be obeyed."

Following these imperatives, the American Catholic bishops' draft of a pastoral letter on capitalism states that: "... society has a moral obligation to ensure that no one amongst us is hungry, homeless, unemployed or otherwise denied what is necessary to live with dignity." This religious campaign against "poverty and injustice" is labeled by Mr. Falwell and his cohorts "socialism"!

It would be indeed a sad day for our system of free enterprise if compassion could exist only under socialism!

For those of us who are deeply concerned about poverty and social injustice, such statements and our cheerful President's policies toward the unfortunate of the world give reason for grave concern.

Add to this the President's massive armaments, star-wars and all, and one wonders what happened to our humanness.

— Fred Lancome



Pulling out firewood at
Lawson Brook farm

photo by Timothy Freeman

CALENDAR

Contra and Square Dances

Saturday, March 9—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. this is a special Maple Sugar Moon Party, with singing puppet show and maple refreshments. 8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Adults \$4.50, children \$2 to dance until intermission. Price of admission includes refreshments. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Saturday, March 23—Square and contra dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker, calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission: \$3.50. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

FILM SERIES CHANGE

The Monterey Arts Council has announced a change in its March film festival: *Oklahoma* will not be shown on March 30—instead, *West Side Story* will be run, same date, same time. See the Arts Council's ad in this issue for the full schedule.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

HEALTH PROMOTION CLINICS FOR MARCH

The following is the schedule for the Southern Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association Health Promotion Clinics for March 1985. All clinics are free of charge to South County residents (donations are accepted). For full information call the VNA at 528-0130.

Stockbridge 1:00-3:00	March 6	Heaton Court
	March 20	Plain School
Otis 1:00-3:00	March 5	Library
Sheffield 1:00-3:00	March 12	Dewey Memorial Hall
	March 26	Dewey Memorial Hall
Sandisfield 12:00-2:00	March 11	Library
Great Barrington 1:00-3:00	March 25	Senior Center

PERSONALS

Alice O. Howell will participate in the 1985 Berkshire Symposium on March 9 with a presentation called "Stepping into the River." Alice has 40 years' experience in astrology and Jung Foundations in New York City and Los Angeles. She is a worldwide lecturer and authority on Analytical Astrology in Psychotherapy, Plenary Speaker at the Transpersonal Psychology Conference at Davos, Switzerland, and Bombay.

Friday, March 15—Concert: At Simon's Rock College, Great Barrington. The Royal Garden Jazz Band will present an evening of authentic New Orleans and Dixieland jazz. This Berkshire-based band is a six-piece group featuring Hank Nadig, trumpet; Frank Laidlaw, clarinet; Mike Krawitz, trombone; Phil Mahonny, banjo; Randy Kaye, drums; Arnie Hayes (Monterey's own), bass; and Natalie Lamb, vocals. They perform regularly in area jazz clubs. At the Arts Center (ARC) Theater, 8:00 p.m. No admission charge. Call 528-0771 for information.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

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From the Office of the Town Clerk

Last day to obtain nomination papers	Thurs., Mar. 28
Last day to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification	Fri., Mar. 29
Last day for Democratic or Republican caucus	Wed., Mar. 27
Last day to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk	Fri., Apr. 5
Last day to protest or withdraw	Sat., Apr. 6

Registration Dates

Home of Suzanne S. MacIver Main Road (Town Clerk)	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Tues., Mar. 26
Home of Suzanne S. MacIver Main Road (Town Clerk)	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Wed., April 3
Home of Patricia Amstead Main Road	12 noon-6:00 p.m. Sat., Apr. 6
Home of Suzanne S. MacIver Main Road (Town Clerk)	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Sat., Apr. 6
Home of Fran Amidon Sandisfield Road	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sat., Apr. 13
Home of Vivian Bynack Main Road	1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Sat., Apr. 13
Home of Suzanne S. MacIver Main Road (Town Clerk)	6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Sat., Apr. 13

Last day to register for the May 4 Town Meeting and Election is **Saturday, April 13.**

Office to Be Filled

Board of Appeals	5 yrs	Moderator	1 yr.
Assessor	3 yrs.	Park Commissioner	3 yrs.
Auditor	1 yr.	Planning Board	5 yrs.
Cemetery Committee	3 yrs.	Selectman	3 yrs.
Finance Committee	3 yrs.	Town Clerk	3 yrs.
Library Trustee (2)	3 yrs.	Tree Warden	1 yr.
Southern Berkshire Regional School District			2 yrs.

DEADLINE FOR ARTS COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

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Eric & Hedy Craven—We enjoy getting the *News* and being informed as to what is important to the welfare of Monterey and its people.

Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Ward—Carry on! It's great.

Harlan Lanoue—Would like to see a little space devoted toward the many craftspersons in Monterey.

Abby Seixas & Mark Horowitz—Thanks—it's getting better and better.

M/M Harry Vickerman—Always good reading.

Lee Library Association—We enjoyed the copy you sent.

Marjorie & Paul Perces—Our thanks for a fine community service.

Georgiana & Eugene O'Connell—Great! Enhances Monterey communications. Keep up the good work, all of you.

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